

October 16, 2024

**TOWN OF AVILLA
AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL
108 S. Main St. Avilla, IN 46710**

THOSE PRESENT: Philip Puckett Jr., William Krock Jr., Andy Uhl, Brian Carroll, Rita Grocock, Adam Dunlap, Kierston Wright, Kevin Kelly, Mike Hensinger, Chris Arnett, Brandon Bryant, Bob Hardy, Diane Lewis, Casey Kintz, Brandon Depoy, Julie McBride, Lucinda Weimer, Denny Mast, Cory Miller,

Town Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Council President opened-up the public hearing on the 2025 Budget at 6:05 P.M. After no one spoke he closed the public hearing at 6:06 P.M.

Claims in the amount of \$499,231.74 were submitted to the council for approval. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Approval of the minutes from September 18, 2024, was submitted to the council. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Mangers Report – Adam Dunlap gave his report for the month.

Superintendent's Report – Brian Carroll gave his report for the month.

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that Well #6 was pulled last week to be overhauled. The overhauling will require machining and replacing 60' of 6" column piping. The additional cost will be \$5,470.00, so the new total cost will be \$29,860.00. The original quote was not to exceed \$36,280.00. So, the project is still under the cost that was approved at the September Town Council Meeting.

Brian Carroll, Superintendent, reported to the council that he has been working on the Lead Line Inventory for the past couple of years. He indicated that he will now need to contact 463 residents who fall into this category. He spoke to a company called 120 Water Management that can notify the customers involved at a cost to the town of \$315.00 for the managed service. Additional cost will be \$2.14 for 2 sheets and \$3.88 for 3-6 sheets. So, the total cost will be \$1324.34 for two sheets and \$2111.44 for 3-6 sheets. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to allow Brian to hire them to complete the project for town. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Superintendent, Brian Carroll, informed the council that the Town's Linemen have been switching out the streetlights with LED lights over the past couple of years. Brian said they usually purchase 10-15 lights at a time. He informed the council that he can save the town \$750.00 by purchasing the lights by the skid instead of individually. The quote for a skid of 40 lights is \$10,000.00 through Powerline Supply Company. Andrew Uhl made a motion to allow Brian to make the purchase of 40 lights. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Town Marshall's Report – Glen Wills was absent. Officer Chris Arnett gave the police report for the month.

Officer, Chris Arnett, reporting for Town Marshall, Glen Wills, said they would like to re-hire Nathan Rodenbeck as a part-time officer with the Avilla Police Department. Council approved.

Fire Chiefs Report - was given by Casey Kintz.

Casey Kintz, Fire Chief, reported to the council that he received a quote from Digital Video Solutions for the installation of security cameras at the Fire Department. They currently have no cameras installed. The quote is \$2588.00. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this until next month.

Fire Chief, Casey Kintz, informed the council that he would like to bring on one more part-time employee to help cover hours at the Fire Department. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Casey to hire a third part-time employee at an hourly rate of \$17.00/hour for the remainder of 2024 and all of 2025 and to be paid out of Public Safety Funds. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Casey Kintz, Fire Chief, notified the council that the building that houses the Fire Department currently was too small for what the town needs. He would like to hire Cory D. Miller, with Elevatus, to design an addition to the current building. The cost for him to complete this project is \$9000.00. Andrew Uhl made a motion to hire Elevatus to complete the project. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Park Board Report – no one present to give a report.

Julie McBride, with the Avilla Freedom Festival, asked the council about the park providing treats for the Children's Halloween Costume Judging contest at the park this year. Council President, Philip Puckett, Jr. reported that this is not allowed because we currently do not have a Park Board to approve this.

Julie McBride, with the Avilla Freedom Festival, was present to ask the council about a road closure for the 2025 Freedom Festival. The Freedom Festival Committee inquired about closing Main Street from Washington Street to Story Street. This would give them more room to park the cars for the car show. They would like the road blocked from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will still be room if a fire truck or police vehicle needs to respond to any emergency. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the temporary closing. Andrew Uhl second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Attorney Report – Bob Hardy gave a brief report.

Town Attorney, Bob Hardy, asked the council for permission to contact Clean Infusion about the Breach of Contract between the Town of Avilla and their company. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the request. William Krock, Jr. second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, asked the council for permission to pay part-time Firemen Colin Harding and Kris Bair out of the General Fund and not out of Public Safety for 2024 and all of 2025. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the request. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, reported to the council that the Sewer CD that is currently held by Community State Bank was up for renewal. She said that letters for quotation were mailed to Community State Bank, Horizon Bank and Campbell & Fetter Bank. The quotes have not been returned yet and the CD expires on 10/24/2024. She was asking permission to go with the company which has the highest bid to re-invest for another year. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve Rita to invest the money to the highest bidder when the quotes are received. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Clerk Treasurer, Rita Grocock, reported to the council that residents Daryl & Jean Franz had a water hose left on at their residence. Superintendent, Brian Carroll, confirmed the water did not go into the sewer. The cost of the sewer on their bill was \$48.62 and they would like the town to remove this charge from their monthly bill. Andrew Uhl made a motion to allow the write-off of \$48.62. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Rita Grocock, Clerk Treasurer, reported to the council that Jeremy McBride had a water hose left on at his residence. Superintendent, Brian Carroll confirmed that the water did not enter the sewer. He would like a credit of \$58.52 for the sewer portion of the bill. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the removal of the charge from his monthly bill. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

New Business:

Ordinance 1673-8-24 for the 2025 Town Budget was presented to the council for the 2nd reading. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget and 2nd reading. Andrew Uhl second the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

Next item on the agenda was Resolution 755-10-24 to replace Resolution 721-10-21 for ADA Provisions. Andrew Uhl made a motion to approve the new resolution. William Krock, Jr. seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

The final item on the agenda for the evening was to hire new utility worker Michael Petre, starting on November 5, 2024, at an annual rate of \$44,720.00 or \$21.50/hour. William Krock, Jr. made a motion to approve hiring the new employee. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0

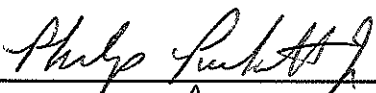
Old Business:


Town Resident, Kevin Kelly reported that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 7, 2024, at the pocket park uptown at 5:00 P.M. Santa Clause will arrive at 5:30. P.M. He also requested that the road be temporarily closed for the event from Main Street to Baum Street.

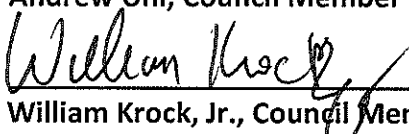
Town Superintendent, Brian Carroll, reported that he will be shutting off the water to the park next week.

With no further business to discuss for the evening William Krock, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. Andrew Uhl seconded the motion Vote: Ayes 3 – Nays 0


AVILLA TOWN COUNCIL


Philip Puckett, Jr., Council President


Andrew Uhl, Council Member


William Krock, Jr., Council Member

ATTEST:


Rita Grocock Clerk -Treasurer